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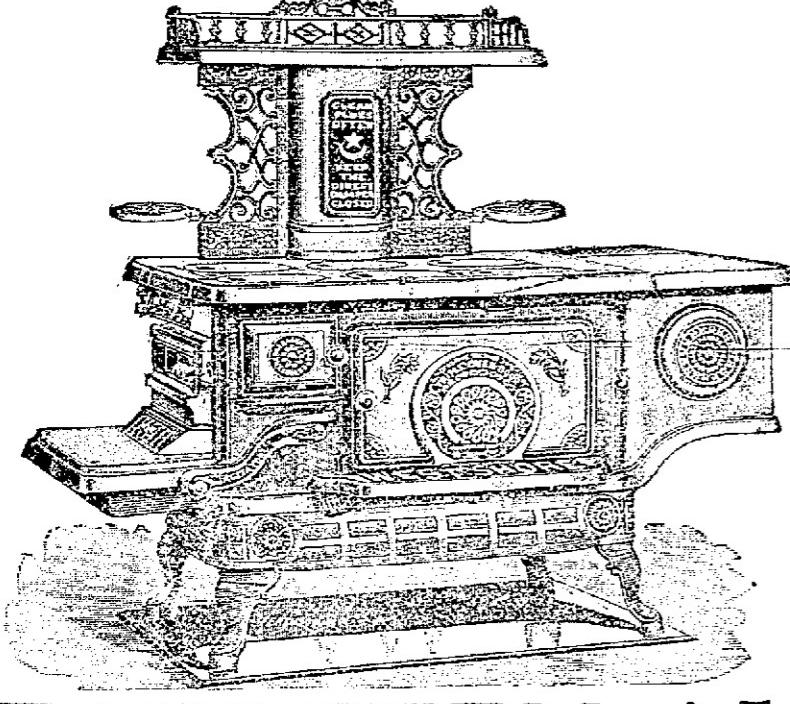
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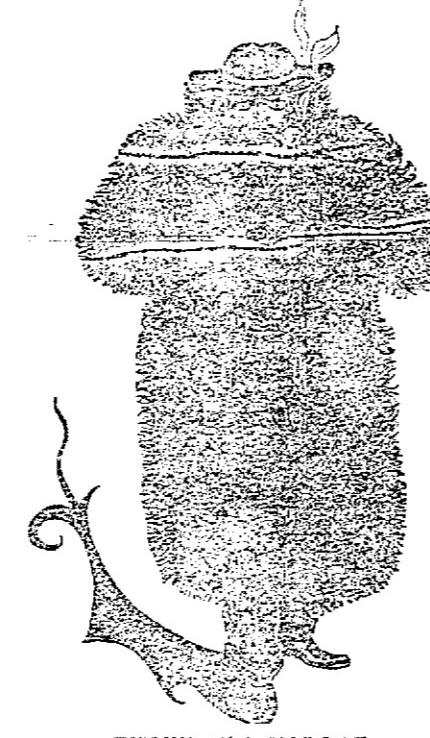
MIDDLETOWN.

ECCENTRIC KIPLING.

BRATTLEBORO HARDLY KNOWS WHAT TO MAKE OF HIM.

He Wears Old Clothes, Smokes a Pipe, Hates Interviewers and Calls People who offend him "Brutching Idiots."

The modern romancer is often a man without a country. Robert Louis Stevenson, a Scot, recently died in Samoa, his adopted home. Dyer Hart, the prince of American story tellers, has resided for years in London, and Kipling, born in India and educated in England, makes the United States his home. Kipling married an American girl, Miss Carolyn Balster of Brattleboro, Vt., and their home is located on a hill four miles from Brattleboro. Mrs. Kipling is the daughter of J. N. Balster, at one time a Chicago lawyer and later a lumber and estate owner in New York. One of her brothers, the late Wolfe Balster, was an intimate friend of Mr. Kipling and collaborated with him in writing "The Naulakha." Miss Balster became Mrs. Kipling in January, 1892, and the young couple have since made Brattleboro their home. They erected an old looking house in Dummerston, a little ways beyond the Brattleboro line. The house is 60 feet long and about 25 feet wide, and its foundation is of unfinished stone. There is but one tier of 11 rooms, all of which face the highway at the east and are en-



KIPLING ON A COLD DAY.

tered by a long hall that runs the entire length of the building on the west side. Looking at the house from the highway, one wonders if Kipling, in his dread of the interviewer and the curious public, has built a house without a door, for no means of entering the strange looking residence are to be seen. There is a door, however, but it is at the rear of the house well concealed from view. At the southern end of the house is a double porch, from which may be obtained a magnificent view of the New Hampshire hills and the Connecticut valley. Kipling's study is located at this end of the house.

Kipling has caused a deal of local gossip since he located near Brattleboro, and the stories describing his eccentricities would fill a volume. He has very pronounced views on a great many subjects, but he reserves his strongest language for newspapermen. It is said that it is about as difficult to interview the Anglo-Indian novelist as it is to get President Cleveland to talk to a reporter for publication. If a reporter accosts him on the highway, he terms the incident an outrageous assault and takes to his heels. If eccentricity makes genius, Kipling is a genius of the first magnitude. For many years a seeker of fame and public attention, he now assumes the attitude of a shy and shrinking literary recluse whose motto is, "The public be something or othered!" His aversion to reporters seems rather strange, too, when it is remembered that in India he was a newspaper man himself.

About the first thing Kipling did in a literary way after he arrived in Brattleboro was to write a story in which a town suspiciously like Brattleboro in certain respects was held up to ridicule. This did not make the people love him, but it made them talk, and Kipling enjoys making people talk, provided they do not talk to him. One of the sights of the town is to see him strolling along the streets, with his English pipe clenched between his teeth and an expression of unconquerable determination written upon every feature. He is anything but a dandy. He is fond of old clothes and affects a rusty sombrero that has seen better days and many of them. On cold days he goes abroad in a big fur coat and looks more like a Russian nihilist than an Indian novelist.

Like most Englishmen of means, however, Kipling usually dresses for dinner and appears at the table clad in the conventional dress suit of polite society. When he first made Brattleboro his home, he rather surprised the society that sought him, but he has since become less exclusive, and he has a number of friends outside of the Balster family, who picture him as a most companionable man and an entertaining, hospitable host. "Begone" and "damn" are two of his favorite words, and any one who offends him is usually referred to as "that driving idiot." He is very fond of children, and his baby, which is now about 2 years old, is monarch of all she surveys. He likes Vermont and declares that there is nothing like Vermont air for babies.

In his relations with the humble members of society Kipling is inclined to be very democratic. He converses with acquaintances with numerous odd characters he meets, and it is said he creates somewhat of a sensation in Brattleboro one day by stopping a Chinaman on the street and conversing with him in Chinese for half an hour.

THE WOMAN WITH A PAST.

Her Frequent Appearance In the Drama Is Causing Discussion.

Several high class English weekly reviews have joined the London Times in exhaustive discussion of the modern society drama or what Labouchere describes as "realistic Magdalen plays." Beatrix Tracy's latest success, "John-a-dreams," is the usual text employed, but the subject has been made widely comprehensive. Mr. Tracy was at first somewhat resentful in resisting the attacks upon his piece. In his latest letter, however, he admits, for the sake of the argument, that the woman with a past has been too frequently upon the stage of late, but he affirms: "Certain it is, however, that the best and strongest dramatic work within this decade has produced has been that whose subject some of your correspondents have so severely reprobated. The inference, I make bold to say, is obvious. It is the epoch, not the actor or the author, that is arraigned. The taste of the public is undoubtedly for discussion of such problems, as is evidenced not only on the stage, but in the lecture hall, in magazine articles and in novels. The desirability of such a discussion is a matter of opinion. To go to the root of the whole matter, What is an immoral play? I hold that an immoral play is one which deals in a spirit of flippancy with those passions that are the very central fact of life, which makes a jest of virtue, which flatters vice, which panders to the lower instincts of our nature, and which clothes the nakedness of evil with transparent and alluring garments. I challenge any one to point to a single passage of Mr. Chambers' play which could be thus described."

The Times, in summing up the subject, takes the side of the objectors, saying:

"We have had a great deal too much of the woman with a past, and too many of her. If she had been confined to one play, she would still have had an amount of elucidation altogether out of proportion to her importance. But she is forced upon our attention with such persistent assiduity that people who do not want to hear about her find their opportunities of theater going seriously curtailed. She has been elevated into a cult. The leading doctrine of the new woman school, which contains a certain number of effeminate males, is that the one thing worth living and working for is free discussion of misavary subjects by men and women. When a manager desires to have a little variety in the way of a play which does not turn upon adultery, he has to engage in a prolonged struggle with a playwright resentful of the excision of what he thinks the finest thing in the piece."

THE REPORTER'S REPLY.

He Quickly Discovered That He Wasn't Talking to a Gentleman.

On Monday night a well known operatic star appeared at one of the leading opera houses. It was rumored that she had bet \$1,000 on Levi P. Morton. A reporter was sent over to the opera house to inquire into it, but the business manager of the troupe would not let the reporter enter behind the scenes. When the opera was over, another reporter was sent over to the hotel where the operatic star was staying. It was half past 11 when he sent up his card requesting to see the singer in regard to her bet. A moment later the business manager came down stairs and confronted the reporter.

"Do you consider yourself a gentleman?" he was asked.

The reporter said he did and asked what the business manager meant by such a question.

"Well, Miss — is a lady, and no gentleman would presume to call on her at this hour."

The reporter got somewhat heated by this turn of affairs.

"Have you ever been a newspaper man?" he asked of the business manager.

The business manager said he had.

"Well, then," said the reporter, "you must know that a reporter seldom disturbs any one of his own accord. It was my duty to come here and try to see Miss —. You might have sent word down that I could not see her. You say that Miss — is a lady. I do not doubt that, but I will say that she did not get a gentleman for her business himself," and before the business manager could reply the reporter was gone.

—Syracuse Post.

RESENTED THE CRITICISM.

A young man and a lady were walking in the lobby of the Herald Square theater, New York, the other night discussing De Koven's "Rob Roy." During their talk the words, "It is plagiarism, mere plagiarism," were spoken audibly by the gentleman. Straightway a lady behind him exclaimed, "I dare you to say that again." The gentleman, surprised, looked around and ventured to remark mildly that he had a right to his opinion. "I dare you to say that again," repeated the lady, with flashing eyes. "I am Mrs. de Koven." There was nothing more added, as the reader can imagine, and further criticism of "Rob Roy" was deferred until possibly under more favorable conditions.—Syracuse Post.

TRYED THE ICE WITH HIS GUN.

Aaron Tracy was found dead on Stillwater pond, near Cherryfield, Me., the other night, with a bullet wound through his head. His rifle was standing upright in the ice beside him, and it is evident that he was trying the ice with it, and that it was discharged by breaking through and bringing up on the hammer.—Lewiston Journal.

A SENSITIVE LENS.

It is stated of the new 40 inch lens that is being made by Alvan Clark, the telescope manufacturer, that the heat of the hands in polishing it so distorts its focus by expansion that three hours are required to cool it sufficiently for testing.

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—Dr. R. A. DeKay, of Livingston Manor, found, Friday, a man named Reeves lying in the road near DeBruce, who was badly frozen. The man was so intoxicated that he had laid down to sleep. The back of his hands were frozen white, and his ears and feet were also badly frosted. Prompt treatment brought him around all right, but a little more exposure would have cost him his life.

—The Excise Board of the town of Rockland has ordered hotel keepers to remove all nickel-in-the-slot and dice machines.

—W. T. & J. B. Reilly will erect a steam saw mill, three miles from Callicoon Depot, on the Cochecton road, to work up 2,000 acres which is said to contain the best pine and hemlock that remains in the county.

—A black fox, a very rare animal in this locality, is said to make his home in the hills near Cochecton. He has been seen by several persons, but no one has got a shot at him.

HAVEN.

A Wedding—Lumbering—School Re-opened—Personal and Local Notes.

Correspondence AGENTS and MERCURY.

—We had the pleasure of attending the wedding of James Coddington and Miss Georgia Stevens, at High View, New Year's Eve. There were a number of guests from Paterson, N. J. The presents were numerous and useful.

—We learn that the P. J. and M. Railroad is about to put in a switch opposite Wheaton Sherwood's for the purpose of shipping cord wood.

—Lewis Rhodes, of Westbrookville, is busily engaged hauling logs and wood from the Flanigan lot, near this place. He is about to remove the steam saw mill from Westbrookville to the Philcox meadow to manufacture his logs into boards, etc. He will also do custom work.

—Our school re-opened, Monday, after vacation of two weeks.

—The canal employees have stopped work for the present.

—M. Henderson and Will Tucker are busy hauling wood. They report the sleighing very good in the woods.

—Hoop shaving is one of the principal occupations in this place and vicinity, this winter. We have some shavers who can split and shave a thousand hoops in a day.

—Miss Carrie Decker spent Sunday with her friend, Miss Mary Moley, of this place.

—Little Charlie Startup, who has had the chicken pox quite badly, is able to be about again.

LONG EDDY.

Personal Notes—Protracted Meetings—W. C. T. U. Lecture—Odd Fellows' Installation.

Correspondence AGENTS and MERCURY.

—Miss Terra Bloomburgh is visiting friends at Callicoon.

—Mrs. E. G. Hempstead and daughter, Lillian, of Elmira, are visiting Mrs. H. H. father-in-law, H. A. Hempstead.

—Charles Skinner is at the Binghamton ear and eye infirmary under treatment for cataract.

—Miss E. A. White has commenced a series of protracted meetings in the M. E. Church.

—J. A. Sophia, of Susquehanna, Pa., has a singing school here on Thursday evenings.

—Mrs. E. J. Baumer, of Unionville, is visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. D. A. Carr.

—Mrs. Henry Thomas is confined to her bed by the grip.

—Miss I. M. Blair, of Nebraska, will lecture in the M. E. Church, Saturday evening, for the W. C. T. U.

—Physicians have given up all hopes of Mrs. T. J. Carr's recovery.

—District Deputy Grand Master J. E. Houser, of Callicoon, installed the officers in Old Fellow's Lodge, Friday, the 4th.

MOUNTAIN DALE.

Personal Notes—An Ice Contract—Consulted a Middletown Doctor—Death of Mrs. Book.

Correspondence AGENTS and MERCURY.

—The old saying, "as the days begin to lengthen the cold begins to strengthen," is not being verified these days.

—Col. Adams arrived, Tuesday evening, on train 7, on his way from the South.

—Miss Ethel Stoddard, who for the past two months has been visiting friends in New York, has returned home.

—"Bob" Stapleton has the contract to cut ice for the creamery.

—David Stratton made a flying trip to Middletown, last week, to consult a physician, who pronounced his disease eczema and blood poisoning.

—Miss Ella Lawrence is spending a couple of weeks at Montela, with friends and relatives.

—Mrs. Marilla Hook, of Ellenville, died, last week, of consumption, aged thirty years. A husband and two small children survive her; also relatives in this place.

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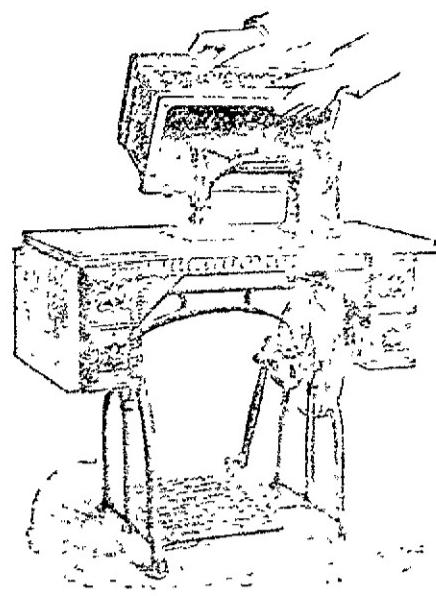
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THE TEMPERATURE.

The following was the registry of the thermometer at Prospect, during to-day:

7 a.m., 39°; 12 m., 42°; 3 p.m., 42°.

AMUSEMENT AND RECREATION.

Jan. 14-15.—Fifteenth Annual, and 10th Annual, of the Goshen Fair, and 10th Annual, of the Goshen Assembly.

Jan. 17-18.—10th Annual, of the Goshen Fair.

Jan. 22.—Dance at State Armory.

Jan. 23.—Rehearsal in Middletown, at Middletown Lodge, I. O. O. F.

Feb. 27.—Twenty-second Annual Ball of Middletown Lodge Co., at Casino.

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LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

Dr. Chas. D. Smith, of Chester, has been appointed a surgeon of the Erie's Eastern Division, to succeed his father, the late Dr. Charles Smith.

Gen. Lucy Post, No. 280 G. A. R., will install its newly elected officers, this evening.

The installation of officers of Lancelot Lodge, No. 169, Knights of Pythias, will occur, this evening.

The Farmers' National Bank of Deckertown has declared a semi-annual dividend of five per cent.

Ten cases of diphtheria are reported in the Borough of Lodi, near Passaic. Five are in one family.

A daughter of J. E. Hotalen, of New Milford, fell down stairs, a day or two ago, sustaining a bad fracture of the leg.

The Midway Park bowling record was broken again, yesterday, by Mr. Jacob Toten, of this city, who made a score of 241.

The Home National Bank of Ellicottville pays a semi-annual dividend of three percent.

Ice harvesting has begun on the Upper Hudson. The ice is of poor quality and not over ten inches thick.

There will be services, this evening, at the First Congregational Church, Subject for consideration, "Our Home Work."

Walter Sammis, the new owner of Shohola Glen, has laid out streets and avenues and divided the property into lots 100 feet square, which he will put on the market.

The Gosho Athletic and Twenty-fourth Separate Company's bowling teams will have a contest at Midway Park, this evening.

Now that Jakey Totten has put the record of the Midway bowling alley at 241, he should be recruited into the National Guard and made a member of the Twenty-fourth's bowling team without delay.

Private J. E. Barnes appeared before the official board of the 24th company, last evening, for examination for the office of corporal, to which he was recently appointed.

While coasting in Warwick, Friday, Sarah, the sixteen-year-old daughter of W. A. Randall, of that village, broke her right leg a little above the ankle.

Twenty-five years ago there were about twenty sole leather tanneries in Wayne county, Pa., doing a yearly business of \$3,000,000. Now there is but one of these tanneries left, that of Beach & Son, at Melanville.

The enforcement of the compulsory education law has caused a noticeable increase in the attendance on Warwick's public school. Several boys of school age who were at work have been compelled to give up their jobs.

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TWO DIVORCE SUITS IN ONE FAMILY.

W. H. Bannister, Jr., of Nyack, has retained Judge A. S. Tompkins, of Rockland county, as attorney in divorce proceedings which he has instituted against his wife, formerly Helen M. Keuren, of Newburgh.

He has also retained L. H. Register, a western lawyer, to defend the suit which Mrs. Bannister has brought against him in Dakota.

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PERSONAL.

Mrs. Wm. Conroy was called to New York, to day, on account of the death of a friend.

Mr. S. H. Bodine rested well last night, and was apparently much better this morning. He is still very weak and is not considered out of danger.

Dr. Chas. I. Redfield, formerly of Middletown, who recently graduated from the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, will in a short time return to this city and take up his residence and practice his profession here.

Rev. Walter H. Loftus, formerly an active worker in St. Paul's M. E. Church in this city, who has been a student for the past year at Allegheny College, at Meadville, Pa., was recently married to a daughter of a minister in that city.

CLERGYMEN'S HALF FARE TICKETS

A Port Jervis Minister Tells How the Custom Originated—A Goshen Clergyman the First Beneficiary.

Rev. Dr. S. W. Mills, of Port Jervis, having seen a conjecture in the *Gazette* as to the origin of the custom of selling half fare tickets to clergymen, has written a letter to that paper showing that it originated over thirty years ago on the Erie road, and that a Goshen clergyman was the first beneficiary, and in fact to him dedicated all ministers who have received this favor at the hands of railway companies. The doctor writes:

After the completion of the Erie Railway to Goshen, and the regular running of the trains to Piermont and thence to New York, Rev. Dr. Robert McCarter, of Goshen, became a frequent passenger upon them, going to the city every week and sometimes twice a week it was said. One of his trips was in the spring immediately after a heavy rain and when the frost was coming out of the ground. The combined action of the rain and frost, in connection with a newly constructed road, resulted in uncovering of the track in some of the deep cuts with a heavy deposit of dirt and stone, which seriously interfered with the passage of the trains. The train was delayed some hours, much to the discomfort and annoyance of the passengers. There was great murmuring and complaint among them and at length a paper was drawn up and signed by several in which the company and its officials were severely censured for the condition of things.

The good Doctor did not fall in with the current of feeling that had act in but took a sensible view of the situation, that it was one of those things that could not have been prevented and for which the company was not responsible. He concluded therefore to endeavor to stay the tide, but still kept quiet and waited until the proper time. This soon came when he was asked to sign the paper. He replied that he would do so if they would change the phraseology and insert a preamble that he would suggest somewhat as follows.

"Whereas the recent rain has fallen at a time ill suited to our pleasure and convenience and without any consultation with us, and whereas Jack Frost, who has been imprisoned in the ground for some months, has become tired of his bondage and has determined to break loose and his head may already be seen coming out, therefore, Resolved thus and so."

The effect was that the whole thing was turned into ridicule, the leaders in the indignation movement abandoned their effort, the paper was destroyed, many of those who had signed it joined in a hearty laugh over the affair, and were glad of its terminating as it did.

The train was in charge of Conductor Ayres, often called Captain Ayres, so well and favorably known for many years to travelers over the Erie. He had a vein of humor in him as well as Dr. McCarter, and enjoyed the affair immensely. Ever afterward he refused to take any fare from the doctor when on the train because of the good service which he had rendered to him and the company.

The custom at that time was very largely for passengers to pay their fare to the conductor instead of purchasing a ticket at the ticket office.

Dr. McCarter, however, was not content to be regarded as the exclusive recipient among the clergy of a favor of this kind, and after a while suggested whether it would not be well to extend it to all ministers, which was eventually done.

The impression of the writer is, (though he would not say positively,) that at first, though for a short time, the company issued tickets to ministers free of all charge, but soon after the half rate fare was adopted, which was continued.

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HYMENEAL.

Kingland-Cooper.

There was a quiet wedding at the residence of Mrs. Charles L'Hommedieu, last evening, when her daughter, Miss Giles V. Cooper, and Mr. Henry A. Kingsland, were united in marriage by Rev. William A. Robinson, D. D., pastor of the First Congregational Church.

Only a small company, made up of the relatives and a few intimate friends of the contracting parties, were present.

We unite with the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Kingsland in congratulations and good wishes.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. H. Gertrude Macken

Mrs. H. Gertrude Macken died, this morning, at her residence, No. 33 West Main street, after a lingering illness, of consumption.

Deceased was a daughter of the late George Hirst, and was born at Matteawan, N. Y., Nov. 13th, 1861, and was thereon in her thirtieth-fourth year. She moved with her family to this city, about twenty-one years ago, and on Feb. 15th, 1883, was married to William R. Macken, clerk in the Erie freight office in this city, who, with two children, Grace E., aged eleven years, and Edith, aged one year and four months, survives her. Beulah M., another child, died in April, 1892. Mrs. Macken is also survived by her stepmother, Mrs. Geo. Hirst, and by her stepbrother and sister, Herbert and Mamie Hirst.

Deceased was for many years, an active member of St. Paul's M. E. Church, and was at one time a member of the choir.

The funeral will be held on Sunday afternoon, at 2.30 o'clock, from St. Paul's Church. Interment in Hillside Cemetery.

WRECK ON THE O. AND W.

A Bridge on the Scranton Division Wrecked—Fifteen Cars Piled Together.

The Ontario & Western had a bad wreck, yesterday afternoon, on a spur of the Scranton Division, leading to a mine near North West Junction. The train crew was engaged in "dropping" cars when two sections of the train ran together on a bridge over the Erie's Carbondale branch.

The bridge was demolished and fifteen cars were precipitated upon the Erie tracks causing a complete block-

The O. & W. officials of this city went to the scene of the wreck this morning. None of the crew were injured.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

Daily Union Services at the First Congregational Church.

The First Congregational Church was filled, to-day, at the union meeting, Rev. F. A. Heath, pastor of the First Baptist Church, had charge of the meeting. "Home Missions" was the subject of prayer and discussion.

The series of meetings will close, to-morrow afternoon, when it is probable that Rev. Dr. Gordon will have charge. The subject for to-morrow is "Families and schools."

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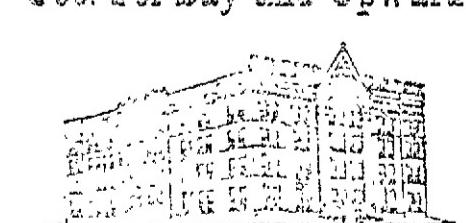
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THE WILD HORSES OF NEVADA.

They are a Nuisance to the Ranchers and Are Being Shot Wherever Found.

R. L. Fulton of Reno, for a number of years agent of the land department of the Central Pacific railroad, is at the California and tells a strange story of the myriads of wild horses now roaming over Nevada and of the steps that have been taken to get rid of them.

"There are now in Nevada more than 200,000 head of these horses," said Mr. Fulton, "and they are increasing so fast that they are getting to be a great nuisance. Cattle and sheep owners are killing them wherever they can."

"The last legislature passed a law permitting any one to shoot any stallions that were found running wild, and the ranchers have in consequence been killing them off wherever they could. They do this as well to get rid of them as to keep the wild horses from increasing."

"The trouble is they are eating off the grass so that sheep and cattle owners are having a tough time of it in certain sections. More than this, the stallions are in many cases leading off the domestic horses from the ranches. So the ranchers have it in for them and are making it very lively. Many is the stallion they have killed, and some of them are very fine too."

"And what do you suppose they do with them afterward? Why, they turn them over to the swine to eat. They figure that in this way each stallion is worth about \$2, which is the top notch figure that can be realized from them. Horses are very cheap now the world over, but probably not since the settlement of America have horses been so cheap as they are in Nevada."

"Most of the wild horses are in the neighborhood of Elko and Iron Point. A few years ago there was turned loose from the Evans ranch, near Iron Point, a fine thoroughbred stallion. He joined the neighboring bands of wild horses and could not be got back again."

"The result has been that the quality of the herds has greatly improved. He left many colts that were much superior to the old stock. The various bands have increased much since then. While many of the horses would not be called first class, others are very fine, and all are as tough as pine knots and as fleet as they are used to having horses."—San Francisco Examiner.

LADY CROOKES CLOAK.

The fact that it cost \$200 has stirred English public opinion.

A healthy sign of the influence of publication in the wealthy classes was given lately. Some time ago the Committee of War sent Lady known perhaps as Lady Iris, a dear friend of the Prince of Wales, £100, or there was sent to her a magnificent saddle cloth. The price of a single saddle cloth was its value as £200.

Several newspaper newspapers of no particular influence made mocking comments upon the extravagance of a woman who spends so much money for one article of dress, some even went into statistics as to the number of poor people who could afford a week for £200.

Time was when my business, or, for the matter of that, my son's in this country would be glorified in the mere cost of her garments and would have been made happy by every newspaper recording it, but even aristocracy is sensitive to such matters. A. V. Countess of Warwick was quite shocked at the idea that anybody supposed that she squandered £200 upon herself and caused this paragraph to be inserted in the paper:

"The cloak was a wedding present. I should have thought it well to have given so much for a single garment when there is so much distress and misery prevalent."

The letter of disclaimer does her ladyship credit, and it is only just to state that since her husband succeeded to the earldom she has set an example to her order by the way in which she has looked after the poorer tenantry on the extensive estates in Essex and elsewhere. The Earl of Warwick, like most landowners, has been hit hard by the general agricultural depression, but the majority of territorial magnates made the reduction in their private bled the meagre excuse for neglecting the poor altogether.—London Letter.

CURIOUS FRENCH LAW.

It is no offense to attempt to commit a crime when you don't succeed.

A curious application of the old theory of in-to-state crime was made last year by the court of criminal appeals of Paris.

Two police officers named Barrant and Monty were arrested some weeks ago in a small French chateau as in the exercise of their duty. Barrant watched, ready to seize the stolen goods, while his comrade exploded the pockets of a man in the chateau. Luck was not with the two, however, for the victim's pockets had been closed by a clip.

The Nation chamber of the criminal courts condemned Monty to six months' and Barrant to 15 months' imprisonment. They appealed and were acquitted by a court of the supreme adage that the law is not to be applied where it is not intended.

This is a rule to which happened in the chateau of a man who had a clip of his pocket through a watch chain. The clip was believed an enemy of the law. The law forbidding the use of such a device was held to be unconstitutional. The court of appeal, however, upheld the law, holding that it was a reasonable measure to prevent the use of such a device.

The court of criminal appeals, however, held that the law was unconstitutional, and that it was always better to prevent the use of a device than to punish the man who used it.

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A MOTORMAN'S HEROISM.
His Car Crashes into an Erie Train, but He Stands at His Post.

Motorman J. H. Garrison, of the Paterson Electric Railway, displayed more heroism, yesterday, in the very face of death, than most men would have done under the same circumstances.

His car was approaching an Erie crossing on a down grade; the rails were covered with ice, he had no sand to put on them and the brakes would not hold; the gates were lowered and a passenger train was approaching.

The motorman knew his car would strike the gate and that it would not stop its progress and the chances were that it would crash into the train and it did, yet Mr. Garrison remained at his post and took his chances with his conductor and six passengers.

The car struck the rear coach of the train; the front platform was crushed in, leaving the motorman barely enough space in which to stand, but fortunately neither he nor any of the passengers were hurt.

Garrison coolly released his brake and reversed his motor to back off the track as if nothing had happened.

NEW SYSTEM OF TELEPHONE RATES

The Binghamton Exchange Will Charge in Proportion to Services Rendered.

The Binghamton telephone exchange, which has heretofore charged \$60 a year for each instrument irrespective of the number of calls made over it, has adopted a new system and hereafter subscribers will be charged in accordance with the service required.

According to the new system of tolls the company will furnish a long distant instrument for \$25 a year, the subscriber to pay five cents for each call made. For \$40 a year the subscriber will be allowed forty free calls each month. All over this number must be paid at a rate of five cents each. For \$50 a year fifty free calls a month will be allowed and for \$60 seventy calls may be made without charge. Instruments put in for \$51 a year may be used as much as the subscriber desires without extra charge.

HAS BECOME A SPIRITUALIST.

"Barjo Bill" Has Developed Unusual Powers as a Medium.

Many of the townsmen will be interested in the following, which we clip from the Paterson News. The "Prof." Knapp referred to is none other than our own "Barjo Bill."

Professor William H. Knapp, of the photograph firm of Townsend, Gray & Knapp, has become quite a spiritualistic medium and, slightly gay William can be found in the rooms of the Excelsior Boat Club house, causing chairs, tables and spittoons to walk around the rooms. Professor Knapp will give seances in the near future.

To Make Married Women Responsible for Household Debts

The Retail Merchant's Protective Association of New Jersey will petition the Legislature now in session to enact a law making a married woman equally responsible with her husband for household necessities purchased by either husband or wife. Under the present law the husband is alone responsible for such debts unless a special contract is made with the wife. Current feeling seems to be against the proposed change in the law, which would work injustice to many hardworking wives of dissolute and irresponsible husbands.

Regents Reduce the Allowance Per Pupil.

The Board of Regents of the State has sent out a circular which states that so many pupils throughout the State have become entitled to Regent's certificates the past year, that the allowances made to schools for each pupil is necessarily smaller than heretofore. Formerly \$5 was allowed the school for each pupil passing the preliminary regents' examinations. The sum has been reduced to \$4 and will of course be still smaller as the number of pupils increases, unless the appropriation is also made largerly by the State.

A Sea Green Linen Hatch.

Mrs. Jacob Gunther gave a sea green silk hatch to the members of the Z. K. Club, at her pleasant home on Broad street, from 3 to 5 o'clock, yesterday afternoon. The table decorations, candles and bouquets were sea green and, in fact everything that could be sea green, was of that color. Elegant refreshments were served and each member was presented with a sterling silver, polished souvenirs spoon in a neat box tied with sea green ribbon. The cut bouquets were: Misses Lillian and Kate Kuhlmann, of Elmhurst.

A Great Battle.

is continually going on in the human system. The demon of impure blood strives to gain victory over the constitution, to ruin health, to drag victims to their grave. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the weapon with which to defend one's self, drive the desperate enemy from the field, and restore bodily health for many years.

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AUTOMATIC BLOCK SIGNAL OPERATOR.

An Invention of Superintendent La-Bar That Will Be Appreciated by Conductors.

Superintendent Frank La-Bar, of the Traction Co., has designed and made an ingenious device for operating automatically the block signals, which will save conductors a great deal of trouble.

As the block system is at present arranged the conductor has to get off his car, when entering a block and touch a button which sets the signal at the other end of the block.

Mr. La-Bar's device is intended to be attached to the trolley wire at the entrance to the block, and, as the car passes, spring makes the electric connection with the signal.

The device has not yet been tested on the line, but it is so simple in construction and scientifically correct in principle that there is little doubt that it will work satisfactorily.

Mr. La-Bar should next turn his attention to inventing something that will return the signal to its original position after the car passes the block.

THIS MARRIAGE A FAILURE.

The Wife Accused of Having Seven Husbands and the Husband of Having Two Wives.

Violet Austin Frank drank laudanum in Elmira, Monday night, because her husband, Nicholas Frank, from whom she had fled, had followed her and insisted she should give up the situation she had secured and live with him. Frank was arrested on a charge of vagrancy and, yesterday, his wife appeared against him in police court. The woman accused Frank of having attacked her with a razor and with having two wives. He in turn accused her of having seven husbands living, who were scattered all over Southern New York. The prisoner was held for further examination.

BURGLARS IN PORT JERVIS.

The Office of the Prudential Insurance Company Robbed.

The office of the Prudential Insurance Company in Port Jervis was entered by thieves, Wednesday night. The desks of the superintendent and his assistant were broken open, and from the former a gold watch chain, valued at \$10, and \$15 in cash were taken.

An entrance to the building was gained by a key and nothing was disturbed except the desks, it is thought some one familiar with the office committed the robbery.

A PORT JERVIS MAN'S INVENTION.

A Collapsing Life-saving Platform for Street Cars.

C. A. Wagner, of Port Jervis, has invented a "collapsing life saving platform" for street cars. It consists of a folding projection, which may be fastened to the front of the car, and by an apron thrown out is capable of picking up any person in the way of the car without their sustaining injury. By a simple device in front of the fender it is impossible for the person caught up to roll off the apron.

IN THE RAILROAD WORLD.

The loss of life on the Lackawanna road is claimed to be seventy percent less than on any other railroad in the United States.

Every West Shore conductor now has to give a bond of \$1,000 to the American Surety Company, of New York, to insure the company against peculation.

The Susquehanna has made plans for the construction of extensive coal storage pockets at Pompton Junction, where coal can be delivered to the Greenwood Lake road at any time.

A New Feature.

Mr. George Lea received a telegram this morning stating that Mr. Harry Burns had joined Ellinwood's players, to-day. Manager E. Hawood has been trying for some time to secure the services of this gentleman, but as he had an iron clad contract with Primrose & West's Minstrels, it was impossible.

Mr. Burns is one of the best black face singing comedians in the profession and his eccentric dances stamp him as an artist of great ability. He will appear Monday night in one of his strongest specialties.

Touched on a Burglar Alarm.

From the Bandage Recorder.

An attempt was made to rob the company's store at Franklin Furnace, Wednesday night. The premises are supplied with a burglar alarm, connecting with a nearby house, and several persons were on hand by the time the burglars had pried open the door. They escaped.

Good Prices for Bank Stock.

Ninety two shares of the stock of the Sussex National Bank of Newton, N. J., of the par value of \$50, were sold at auction to close an estate, Tuesday, at prices ranging from \$10 to \$120.

Turf and Horse Notes.

E. L. Decker, of Newton, has sold his trotting mare, Ida B., which made a good showing at the meetings in this city and Goshen, last fall, to G. K. Morehead, of Philadelphia. Price \$1,500.

MONTGOMERY.

Week of Prayer Meetings—A Meeting to Discuss the Proposed Water Works Correspondence ARCUS and MERCURY.

The week of prayer meetings are well attended here. They are being held in the Presbyterian and M. E. churches.

Mrs. Gillespie, widow of the late Jacob F. Gillespie, is very sick at her home on Fought street.

The question of water works was discussed before the village trustees, on Monday evening, in Firemen's Hall. Many taxpayers expressed their views. There seemed to be a stronger sentiment in favor of the absolute necessity than that opposed to it, although a few of those who oppose every improvement were quite stubborn in their objections.

It seems only a question of a short time till a system shall be constructed, and it would be better if all would pull together. The extra tax would be almost unnoticeable. A pumping system seems most favorable.

SLOATSBURG.

New Buildings—Personal Notes—Rehearsing a Comedy.

Correspondence ARCUS and MERCURY.

Mrs. Alexander Stewart is suffering from a severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism.

W. H. Rose has commenced building a new house, which is to be a very fine affair.

E. E. Gregory has a contract to build a house for A. B. Taylor.

J. A. Becroft is very much under the weather, having a severe cold. Wallace Finch preached a very interesting sermon in the church here yesterday, his wife appeared against him in police court. The woman accused Frank of having attacked her with a razor and with having two wives. He in turn accused her of having seven husbands living, who were scattered all over Southern New York. The prisoner was held for further examination.

HOWELLS.

Getting Better—Entertainment to Be Repeated.

Correspondence ARCUS and MERCURY.

Mr. E. A. St. John is slowly recovering from an attack of rheumatism, with which he has been confined to the house for the past six weeks.

The entertainment which was given in the church last week by the young people was so successful that requests were made for a repetition.

It has been decided to repeat it with some change in programme, on Thursday evening, Jan. 17th, at 7:45 with a charge of 25¢ per cent for admission.

Mrs. D. W. Drake is visiting friends in New York.

Bequests to Newburgh Institutions.

The will of the late Mary W. Lockwood, of Newburgh, has been filed for probate. After disposing of a large sum of money to various relatives she bequeaths to Newburgh's Home for the Friendless, \$2,500; First Baptist Church, Newburgh, \$500; Moulton Memorial Church, Newburgh, \$500; American Reformed Church, Newburgh, \$1,500; Y. M. C. A., Newburgh, \$500.

Fifth Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. James Murdo, of Lewbeach, celebrated the fifty-fifth anniversary of their marriage, Thursday. A large number of relatives and friends gathered at their pleasant home on the Beaverkill and were royally entertained. Among the guests was Mrs. A. LaRue, of this city.

Organizing a Blue Stone Trust.

A meeting of the leading producers of blue stone along the Erie and O and W, and in the Hudson River district was held at the Stewart building, New York, Wednesday, for the purpose of forming an association for the promotion of their interests.

His Hand Crushed.

F. J. Staples, an Erie brakeman, whose home is in Port Jervis, had his hand badly crushed while making a coupling at Newburgh Junction, yesterday. He was taken to Port Jervis hospital, where the injured member was dressed. It is not believed amputation will be necessary.

Salt rheum with its intense itching dry, hot skin is cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla, because it purifies the blood.

For dyspepsia try McMonagle & Rogers' Pep's Essence.

WORKING WOMEN.

THEIR HARD STRUGGLE.

Made Easier by the Timely Intervention of One Woman.

(Special to the Argus.)

All women work. Some in their homes,

some in church, and some in the world of society.

Many in stores, mills, and

shops, tens of thousands are on the never ceasing treadmill, earning their daily food.

All are subject to the same physical laws; all suffer alike

from the same physical disturbance;

and the nature of their duties in many cases

quickly drifts them into

the horrors of all kinds

of female complaints—

ovarian troubles, inflammation, ulceration,

falling and

displacement of the

womb, leucorrhœa,

or perhaps irregularity or suppression

of monthly periods—causing

severe backache,

nervousness, irritability and lassitude.

Backache, dizziness, fainting, bearing down, disordered digestion, indigestion, dislike of friends and so on—

all symptoms of the

one cause—will be

quickly dispelled, and

you will again be free.

Accept the truth.

You can tell the

story of your life to a

woman, and get the

proper muscles and displacement with all

its horrors will no more crush you.

Barjo Bill

has

recovered

from

his

injury

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